

SENATOR BEREUTER: A few did, yes.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Bereuter, would you go along with changing the law that allowing new districts to form?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I don't know.

SENATOR MARESH: Do you think it is constitutional to say if part of the people that have a problem had a chance to petition their government and the rest cannot do this same thing?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes.

SENATOR MARESH: Do you think that is constitutional?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, I do.

SENATOR MARESH: In what respect? Do we have other laws that say people with a problem, one part of the problem can be solved and another problem can't?

SENATOR BEREUTER: It is uniform to this extent, Senator Maresh. Several years ago before I came to the Legislature the Public Works Committee decided to eliminate a lot of political subdivisions and they also said there will be no more ground water conservancy districts created at any place in the state. They didn't say you can't have any in the Loup Basin, you can't have any in the panhandle, they just said you can't create any more and that is the difference, I think, that makes it a constitutional provision.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Mills, did you wish to speak again?

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I'm sorry. I hate to take the time but I did have something I wanted to add, that I have spoken with a couple of people about our debate here last week and how easy some people said it was for that board to abandon the ground water conservancy districts. It's really not that easy and I think that by allowing them, that is, accepting the amendment that I have, stretching it out two more years, then that will ease their problem. It is not that easy to dissolve a ground water conservancy district. They may not just have a hearing and say we are dissolved. It's not that simple and I'm certainly not offering that on criticism to whomever might have offered it last week when we debated this issue but I found that there was some incorrectness there and wanted to bring that to your attention and therefore again I would like to urge you not to accept the Kremer amendment and to subsequently adopt the amendment which will stretch it out two more years.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Kremer, would you close on the motion.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I think I should depart at least from the issue for just a moment to give you a little more background, with your consent, Mr. Speaker, as to what the authorities that are vested in the Natural Resource District and the authority that is vested in the ground water conservation district people. Mr. Speaker, could I depart for just a moment and I will stay within my time limit.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: You certainly may.